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For: Self-Sterilizing Packaging )  
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Group Art Unit: 1744  
Examiner: Krisanne Thornton  
Deposit Account: 50-2548

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2003, please consider the following amendment and remarks. The present response was due on November 6, 2003. Therefore, the present response is being submitted with the required one-month extension of time request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the period of response to December 6, 2003. If any further extension of time or additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Deposit Account 50-2548.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.